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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Soviet Staff, OME

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

TO: Chief, Geography Division, OBI

FROM: Chief, Europe Branch

SUBJECT: NIE 11-6-66, Resistance Potential in the USSR and Eastern Europe

REFERENCE: OCI No. 0525/65, Vulnerabilities of the USSR and the Eastern European Nations to Psychological Warfare

1. We should like to see a statement included in the subject NIE about the presence of Soviet and local military forces, installations, and exercise areas in Eastern Europe as a deterrent to resistance. Since the early 1950's not only missile sites but also storage sites for missiles, conventional ammunition, and POL as well as military-exercise areas have taken over much land. This is especially true in East Germany but is also true in varying degrees in the other countries of Eastern Europe. In many cases the areas chosen are vacant, relatively remote places that would otherwise be available as potential operational bases for resistance forces. In addition, the development of the tourist industry has led to the building of roads and other facilities in formerly inaccessible areas and the opening of these areas to the general public. Even if the populace were inclined to resist, they would be seriously handicapped because the space available in rural areas for recruitment, training, and supplying of unconventional-warfare forces becomes increasingly restricted. As in Berlin in 1953 and Budapest in 1956, resistance forces now would probably be city-oriented, not only because they would be of urban background in the first place but also because there would be little operational space in rural areas. The task of the security forces would probably be simplified if resistance were confined to the cities.

2. In general we agree with the excellent OCI paper, referenced above, which will form the basis for the estimate, but we have the following comments:

a. Pages A-1, A-2. The Greek minority in Albania might be mentioned. Although not large, this group would be a good psywar target if Greece were involved against Albania.

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b. Page H-1. Something might well be said about the loyalty of the 200,000 Germans and the other smaller minorities in Hungary. Many Germans were expelled from Hungary after World War II, and memories of the expulsion may still rankle.

c. Page R-2, under Religious. The Hungarian and German minorities in Transylvania are either Roman Catholic or Protestant, in contrast to the Orthodox Rumanians.

d. Page Y-2. "... the populations of Croatia and Slovenia would probably actively support Allied forces." They might not actively support Italian or German invading forces. The statement on page Y-2, under Ethnic, about partition of Yugoslav lands seems too speculative and may lead to the wrong conclusion. Serbians certainly would not be indifferent to the cession of the Kosmet (ancient homeland of Serbs) to Albania; and Croatians would probably object strongly to the annexation of the Vojvodina to Hungary.

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THROUGH:	CHIEF, GEOGRAPHY DIVISION, SECRET OBI
FROM:	CHIEF, EUROPE BRANCH
SUBJECT:	GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY NOTICE

1. SUBJECT

Comments for NIE 11-6-66, Resistance Potential in the USSR and Eastern Europe

2. PROBLEM

We reviewed the OCI paper "Vulnerabilities of the USSR and Eastern European Nations to Psychological Warfare", dated 22 July 1965, which will form the basis for this estimate. A memo was prepared to ONE pointing out the importance of military installations in potential UW areas as a factor in discouraging resistance. The memo also made comments on treatment of ethnic matters in the OCI paper.

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3. NAME OF REQUESTER Self-initiated.	4. NAME OF SECRET ANALYST GD/E Staff
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5. COORDINATION WITH OTHER OFFICES

See below.

6. DUE DATE 29Dec65	7. PROJECT NUMBER 60.1788F
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8. REMARKS:

Project was self-initiated after consultation with ~~SECRET~~ OCI and ~~SECRET~~ ONE. Board of National Estimates due to consider NIE 11-6-66 on 30 December.

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